

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Eighteenth Worcester Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Eighteenth Worcester Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admission**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (396) of these admissions reside in the Eighteenth Worcester Representative District. 5% (20) of admissions from the Eighteenth Worcester Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY2002, admissions to substance abuse treatment service from the Eighteenth Worcester Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 75% were male and 25% were female.
- 53% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 93% were white non-Latino, 2% were black non-Latino, 3% were Latino, 2% were other racial categories.
- 64% were never married, 16% were married, and 20% reported not to be married now.
- 29% had less than high school education, 50% completed high school, and 20% had more than high school education.
- 41% were employed.
- 6% were homeless.
- 30% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Eighteenth Worcester Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	56%	28%	9%	2%	3%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b>							
<b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b>							
<b>Eighteenth Worcester Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	373	324	149	92	32	70	34
<b>FY '96</b>	340	289	145	93	43	85	55
<b>FY '97</b>	315	268	106	64	28	44	39
<b>FY '98</b>	357	307	125	70	29	82	58
<b>FY '99</b>	437	366	128	112	55	108	84
<b>FY '00</b>	448	365	151	112	87	149	118
<b>FY '01</b>	422	321	120	93	38	152	133
<b>FY '02</b>	449	344	123	99	46	142	105
<b>FY'03</b>	396	317	139	84	46	124	99